CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. A method for tax form submittal verification comprising the steps of:

    (a) sending a tax form of a user to a third party government entity utilizing a network;

    (b) storing a record of the sent tax form in a database;

    (c) receiving from the user a request for the record utilizing the network;

    (d) authenticating an identity of the user utilizing the network; and

    (e) sending the record to the user utilizing the network upon the successful authentication of the identity of the user.

2. A method as recited in claim 1, wherein the network includes the Internet.

3. A method as recited in claim 1, and further comprising the step of formatting the record for being printed by the user.

4. A method as recited in claim 1, and further comprising the step of sending a notification relating to the record to a mail server of the user utilizing the network.

5. A method as recited in claim 1, wherein the identity of the user is authenticated using a digital certificate.

6. A method as recited in claim 5, wherein the digital certificate is stored on a computer of the user.

7. A computer program embodied on a computer readable medium for tax form submittal verification comprising:

    (a) a code segment that sends a tax form of a user to a third party government entity utilizing a network;

    (b) a code segment that stores a record of the sent tax form in a database;

6   (c)   a code segment that receives from the user a request for the record utilizing

7   the network;

8   (d)   a code segment that authenticates an identity of the user utilizing the

9   network; and

10   (e)   a code segment that sends the record to the user utilizing the network upon

11   the successful authentication of the identity of the user.

1   8.   A computer program as recited in claim 7, wherein the network includes the

2   Internet.

1   9.   A computer program as recited in claim 7, and further comprising a code

2   segment that formats the record for being printed by the user.

1   10.   A computer program as recited in claim 7, and further comprising a code

2   segment that sends a notification relating to the record to a mail server of the

3   user utilizing the network.

1   11.   A computer program as recited in claim 7, wherein the identity of the user is

2   authenticated using a digital certificate.
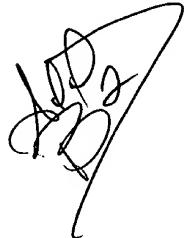

1   12.   A computer program as recited in claim 11, wherein the digital certificate is

2   stored on a computer of the user.

1   13.   A system for tax form submittal verification comprising:

2   (a)   logic that sends a tax form of a user to a third party government entity

3   utilizing a network;

4   (b)   logic that stores a record of the sent tax form in a database;

5   (c)   logic that receives from the user a request for the record utilizing the

6   network;

7   (d)   logic that authenticates an identity of the user utilizing the network; and

8   (e)   logic that sends the record to the user utilizing the network upon the

9   successful authentication of the identity of the user.

1   14.   A system as recited in claim 13, wherein the network includes the Internet.

1   15.   A system as recited in claim 13, and further comprising logic that formats the

2   record for being printed by the user.

1   16.   A system as recited in claim 15, and further comprising logic that sends a

2   notification relating to the record to a mail server of the user utilizing the

3   network.

1   17.   A system as recited in claim 13, wherein the identity of the user is

2   authenticated using a digital certificate.

1   18.   A system as recited in claim 17, wherein the digital certificate is stored on a

2   computer of the user.